

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Regents
From: Board Office
Subject: Proposal to Change the Name of the Physical Therapy Graduate Program to the Graduate Program in Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science in the College of Medicine at the University of Iowa
Date: July 6, 2001

Recommended Action:

Approve the University of Iowa's proposal to change the name of the Physical Therapy Graduate Program to the Graduate Program in Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science in the College of Medicine.

Executive Summary:

The University of Iowa is requesting approval to change the name of the Physical Therapy Graduate Program to the Graduate Program in Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science in the College of Medicine. There are no curriculum changes proposed.

This change will more appropriately portray the breadth of the academic rehabilitation-training program. Recent changes in the department underscore the need for the name change. In 2000, the Board approved a name change in the Physical Therapy Ph.D. program to a Ph.D. in Physical Rehabilitation Science. In addition, the specialty interests of the faculty continue to emphasize the underlying science that drives the rehabilitative process. Furthermore, the department anticipates that including "rehabilitation science" and "physical therapy" in the program name will foster traineeship support from granting agencies that have a national interest in rehabilitation research. This name change will also more appropriately communicate the degrees conferred in the program: Ph.D. in Physical Rehabilitation Science, Master of Physical Therapy, and Master of Arts in Physical Therapy.

The University of Iowa's proposal to change the name of the Physical Therapy Graduate Program to the Graduate Program in Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science in the College of Medicine has been reviewed by the Board Office and is recommended for approval.


Diana Gonzalez

Approved: 
Frank J. Stork